

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Title:

METERING TIP WITH INTERNAL FEATURES TO CONTROL FLUID

MENISCUS AND OSCILLATION

1. Papers enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

- 9 Page(s) of Specification
- 1 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- _3 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-12)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- [x] A Preliminary Amendment
- [X] A combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc.

2. Additional Papers to Follow Under Separate Cover

- [X] An Information Disclosure Statement
- [**X**] PTO Form-1449

3. Relate Back

Priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. <u>60/398,918</u>, filed <u>July 26, 2002</u>, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

3. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the specification at Page 1, after the title, by inserting the following:

-- Cross Reference to Related Application

This application claims priority under 35 USC 119(e) upon provisional Patent Application No. 60/398,918, filed July 26, 2002 and entitled: Metering Tip With Internal Features To Control Fluid Meniscus and Oscillation, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

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4.	Sma	all	Entity	Status

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5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

A.	Filing Fee [X] Original Patent Application (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a)\$750.00; Small Entity\$375.00)	\$ 750.00
B.	Fees for Claims (5 Claims; 1 Indep.) [] each independent claim in excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)\$84.00; small entity\$42.00)	\$.00
	[] each claim in excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)\$18.00; small entity\$9.00)	\$.00
	[] multiple dependent claim(s) (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)\$280.00: small entity\$140.00)	\$.00
C.	[X] Assignment Fee	\$ 40.00
	Total Fees Due	\$ 790.00

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Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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